

**The Markey Amendment
To Strike Drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
And Instruct the Secretary of Interior to Raise \$2.4 Billion by Fractionally
Increasing Fees Oil Companies Pay to Drill on Public Lands**

The Markey amendment would strike subtitle A and replace it with a new section that would instruct the Secretary of the Interior to establish or increase royalties, rents or fees applicable to federal onshore and offshore oil and gas leases and related activities to provide \$2.4 billion to the federal treasury before October 1, 2010.

Effects of the Markey Amendment

- Protects the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge by striking Subtitle A.
- Offers a solid budgetary alternative for raising \$2.4 billion over five years by instructing the Secretary of the Interior to raise that amount through fractionally increasing fees oil companies pay to drill on public lands.

Additional Facts

- This revenue generated from federal onshore and offshore oil and gas leases is one of the federal government's largest sources of non-tax income.
 - The Department of Interior's Minerals Management Service estimated in February of this year that in 2006, royalties, rents and bonus bids from oil companies drilling on federal land will generate over \$9.7 billion in federal revenue (attached).
 - The Minerals Management Service projects these same leases to generate over \$48.3 billion in federal revenue over the five year period from 2006-2010.
- Oil companies are making historic profits.
 - The 5 largest oil companies have recorded profits of over \$46 billion during just the first six months of 2005.
 - The 10 largest oil companies have recorded profits of over \$59 billion during the first six months of 2005.
 - Yesterday, British Petroleum announced third quarter profits of \$6.53 billion, up 34 percent from the third quarter of 2004.